

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A data processing method for executing a process on copyrighted data within an obtained right, said method comprising:

- storing the data;
- storing a process right that is required for executing the process on the data stored in said storing of the data;
- inputting an instruction for the data stored in said storing of the data;
- determining, based on the process right stored in said storing of the process right, whether the instruction is to be executed or not;
- executing the instruction; and
- displaying the process right stored in said storing of the process right on a screen, wherein the process right stored in said storing of the process right specifies a number of executions, ~~and~~
 - wherein said displaying of the process right displays on the screen as many icons as the number of executions specified by the process right,
 - wherein the process right comprises a check-out right representing a right to copy the stored data to a removable storage medium, and
 - wherein said displaying of the process right displays at least one of “check-out is possible”, “during check-out”, and “check-out is impossible” with respect to the check-out right.

17. (Currently Amended) A recording medium having a program recorded thereon, said program for executing, on a computer, a data processing method of processing copyrighted data within an obtained right, said method comprising:

- storing the data;
- storing a process right that is required for executing the process on the data stored in said storing of the data;
- inputting an instruction for the data stored in said storing of the data;

determining, based on the process right stored in said storing of the process right, whether the instruction is to be executed or not;
executing the instruction; and
displaying the process right stored in said storing of the process right on a screen, wherein the process right stored in said storing of the process right specifies a number of executions, ~~and~~
wherein said displaying of the process right displays on the screen as many icons as the number of executions specified by the process right,
wherein the process right comprises a check-out right representing a right to copy the stored data to a removable storage medium, and
wherein said displaying of the process right displays at least one of “check-out is possible”, “during check-out”, and “check-out is impossible” with respect to the check-out right.

18-33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently amended) A data processing apparatus for executing a process on copyrighted data within an obtained right, said apparatus comprising:
data storage means for storing the data;
right information storage means for storing a process right that is required for executing the process on the data stored in said data storage means;
input means for inputting an instruction for the data stored in said data storage means;
control means for determining, based on the process right stored in said right information storage means, whether said instruction is to be executed or not;
process execution means for executing the instruction; and
display means for displaying the process right stored in said right information storage means on a screen,
wherein the process right stored in said right information storage means specifies a number of executions,

wherein said display means is operable to display on the screen as many icons as the number of executions specified by process right,

~~The data processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein~~

wherein the process right comprises a check-out right representing a right to copy the data stored in said data storage means to a removable storage medium, and

wherein said display means is operable to display ~~displays~~ at least one of “check-out is possible”, “during check-out”, and “check-out is impossible” with respect to the check-out right.